

a top edge surrounding the opening, and
a first attachment mechanism provided on the bottom surface; and
a lid engageable with the top edge of the container to cover the opening, the lid including:
an inside surface that faces an interior of the container when the lid is engaged with the top edge of the container,
an outside surface that faces away from the interior of the container when the lid is engaged with the top edge of the container,
a second attachment mechanism provided on the inside surface and engageable with the first attachment mechanism, the lid being attachable to the bottom surface of the container in a nested state via engagement of the first and second attachment mechanisms, and
a third attachment mechanism provided on the outside surface and engageable with the first attachment mechanism, the third attachment mechanism comprising an inner set of one or more attachment projections and an outer set of one or more attachment projections, the lid being attachable to the bottom surface of the container in an inverted state via engagement of the first and second attachment mechanisms.

5. (Amended) The container and lid combination according to claim 1, wherein the second attachment mechanism comprises at least one second attachment projection protruding from the inside surface of the lid.

6. (Amended) The container and lid combination according to claim 1, wherein the second attachment mechanism comprises a plurality of second attachment projections protruding from the inside surface of the lid.

7. (Amended) The container and lid combination according to claim 6, wherein, as viewed in cross section, the second attachment projections are oblique with respect to the

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inside surface of the lid, and/or the one or more attachment projections of the third attachment mechanism are oblique with respect to the outside surface of the lid.

11. (Amended) A nesting container and lid set comprising:

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a plurality of containers, the containers being of different sizes and thereby nestable together, at least two of the containers each including:

a bottom surface,

an opening,

a top edge surrounding the opening, and

a container-side attachment mechanism provided on the bottom surface; and

a corresponding plurality of lids engageable with the top edges of the containers to cover the openings, at least one of the lids including:

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an inside surface that faces an interior of the container when the lid is engaged with the top edge of the container,

an outside surface that faces away from the interior of the container when the lid is engaged with the top edge of the container, and

an outside surface-side attachment mechanism provided on the outside surface and engageable with the container-side attachment mechanism of the at least one of the containers, the outside surface-side attachment mechanism comprising an inner set of one or more attachment projections and an outer set of one or more attachment projections;

wherein the bottom surface of a smaller one of the at least two of the containers is attachable to the outside surface of the at least one of the lids via engagement of the container-side attachment mechanism and the inner set of one or more attachment projections, but is not attachable via engagement of the container-side attachment mechanism and the outer set of one or more attachment projections, and a larger one of the at least two of

the containers is attachable to the outside surface of the at least one of the lids via engagement of the container-side attachment mechanism and the outer set of one or more attachment projections.

12. (Amended) The nesting container and lid set according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the lids further comprises an inside surface-side attachment mechanism provided on the inside surface and engageable with the container-side attachment mechanism, the lid being attachable to the bottom surface of the corresponding container in a nested state via engagement of the container-side and inside surface-side attachment mechanisms.

14. (Amended) The nesting container and lid set according to claim 11, wherein the container-side attachment mechanism of each of the at least two of the containers comprises at least one container-side attachment projection protruding from the bottom surface of the corresponding one of the at least two of the containers.

15. (Amended) The nesting container and lid set according to claim 14, wherein the container-side attachment mechanism comprises a plurality of container-side attachment projections.

16. (Amended) The nesting container and lid set according to claim 15, wherein, as viewed in cross section, the container-side attachment projections are oblique with respect to the bottom surface of the corresponding one of the at least two of the containers.

17. (Amended) The nesting container and lid set according to claim 11, wherein at least one portion of each container is transparent.

18. (Amended) The nesting container and lid set according to claim 11, wherein, as seen in plan view, an outer circumference of each lid is free of any protrusions, with the outer circumference of a largest one of the lids optionally not being free of any protrusions.

Please add new claim 20 as follows:

--20. The container and lid combination according to claim 11, wherein, as viewed in cross section, the inside surface-side attachment projections are oblique with respect to the